# TMS320C6000 DSK Board Support Library API User's Guide

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### **Preface**

## **Read This First**

#### About This Manual

The TMS320C6000™ DSK Board Support Library (BSL) is a set of application programming interfaces (APIs) used to configure and control all on-board devices. It is intended to make it easier for developers by eliminating much of the tedious grunt-work usually needed to get algorithms up and running in a real system.

Some of the advantages offered by the BSL include: device ease of use, a level of compatibility between devices, shortened development time, portability, some standardization, and hardware abstraction. A version of the BSL is available for the TMS320C6711 ™ Developers Starter Kit (DSK).

	3 document is organized as follows.
_	Introduction – a high level overview of the BSL
	Six BSL API module chapters
	Glossary

This document is organized as follows:

#### How to Use This Manual

The information in this document describes the contents of the TMS320C6000™ board support library (BSL) as follows:

- ☐ Chapter 1 provides an overview of the BSL, includes a table showing BSL API module support for various C6000 devices, and lists the API modules.
- ☐ Each additional chapter discusses an individual BSL API module and provides:
  - A description of the API module
  - A table showing the APIs within the module and a page reference for more specific information
  - A module API Reference section in alphabetical order listing the BSL API functions, enumerations, type definitions, structures, constants, and global variables. Examples are given to show how these elements are used.

#### **Notational Conventions**

This document uses the following conventions:
 Program listings, program examples, and interactive displays are shown in a special typeface.
 In syntax descriptions, the function or macro appears in a bold typeface and the parameters appear in plainface within parentheses. Portions of a syntax that are in bold should be entered as shown; portions of a syntax that are within parentheses describe the type of information that should be entered.
 Macro names are written in uppercase text; function names are written in lowercase.
 TMS320C6000 devices are referred to throughout this reference guide as C6201, C6202, etc.

#### Related Documentation From Texas Instruments

The following books describe the TMS320C6x devices and related support tools. To obtain a copy of any of these TI documents, call the Texas Instruments Literature Response Center at (800) 477–8924. When ordering, please identify the book by its title and literature number. Many of these documents can be found on the Internet at http://www.ti.com.

- **TMS320C62x/C67x Technical Brief** (literature number SPRU197) gives an introduction to the C62x/C67x digital signal processors, development tools, and third-party support.
- **TMS320C6000 Chip Support Library API User's Guide** (literature number SPRU401) describes the chip support library (CSL), a library dedicated for initialization and control of the on-chip peripherals.
- **TMS320C6000 CPU and Instruction Set Reference Guide** (literature number SPRU189) describes the 'C6000 CPU architecture, instruction set, pipeline, and interrupts for these digital signal processors.
- TMS320C6000 Peripherals Reference Guide (literature number SPRU190) describes common peripherals available on the TMS320C6000 digital signal processors. This book includes information on the internal data and program memories, the external memory interface (EMIF), the host port interface (HPI), multichannel buffered serial ports (McBSPs), direct memory access (DMA), enhanced DMA (EDMA), expansion bus, clocking and phase-locked loop (PLL), and the power-down modes.

- **TMS320C6000 Programmer's Guide** (literature number SPRU198) describes ways to optimize C and assembly code for the TMS320C6000 DSPs and includes application program examples.
- TMS320C6000 Assembly Language Tools User's Guide (literature number SPRU186) describes the assembly language tools (assembler, linker, and other tools used to develop assembly language code), assembler directives, macros, common object file format, and symbolic debugging directives for the 'C6000 generation of devices.
- **TMS320C6000 Optimizing C Compiler User's Guide** (literature number SPRU187) describes the 'C6000 C compiler and the assembly optimizer. This C compiler accepts ANSI standard C source code and produces assembly language source code for the 'C6000 generation of devices. The assembly optimizer helps you optimize your assembly code.
- **TMS320C62x DSP Library** (literature number SPRU402) describes the 32 high-level, C-callable, optimized DSP functions for general signal processing, math, and vector operations.
- TMS320C62x Image/Video Processing Library (literature number SPRU400) describes the optimized image/video processing functions including many C-callable, assembly-optimized, general-purpose image/video processing routines.

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# **Chapter 1**

# **BSL Overview**

This chapter provides an overview of the board support library (BSL), describes its beneficial features, and lists each of its API modules.

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#### 1.1 BSL Introduction

The BSL provides a C-language interface for configuring and controlling all onboard devices. The library consists of discrete modules that are built and archived into a library file. Each module represents an individual API and is referred to simply as an API module. The module granularity is architected such that each device is covered by a single API module except the I/O Port Module, which is divided into two API modules: LED and DIP.

#### How The BSL Benefits You

The BSL's beneficial features include device ease of use, shortened development time, portability, hardware abstraction, and a level of standardization and compatibility among devices. In general, the BSL makes it easier for you to get your algorithms up and running in the shortest length of time.

#### 1.2 BSL API Modules

For each on-board device, one header file and one source file will be generated with the following names: **bsl\_device.h** and **bsl\_device.c.** 

Also, a library will be built for a given board:

i.e: bsl6711dsk.lib

Note: The soource files.c are archived into a single source file bsl.src.

Table 1–1 provides a current list of BSL API Modules.

Table 1–1. BSL Modules and Include Files

Board Module	Description	Include File	Module Support Symbol
BSL	Top-level module: Initialization of the BSL	bsl_bsl.h	BSL_init
BOARD	Board-specific module – can call CSL at runtime	bsl_board.h	BOARD_SUPPORT
AD535	Audio codec module (C6711 DSK)	bsl_ad535.h	AD535_SUPPORT
DIP	Dip switches module	bsl_dip.h	DIP_SUPPORT
FLASH	Flash ROM module	bsl_flash.h	FLASH_SUPPORT
LED	LED module	bsl_led.h	LED_SUPPORT

#### Interdependencies

Although each API module is unique, there exists some interdependency between the CSL (Chip Support Library) and BSL modules. For example, the AD535 module depends on the MCBSP module because MCBSP0 is dedicated to serial communication.

### 1.2.1 BSL API Module Support

Not all API modules are supported on all boards. For example, the AIC10 module is not supported on the C6711 DSK because the board does not have an AIC10 codec. When an API module is not supported, all of its header file information is conditionally compiled out, meaning the declarations will not exist. Because of this, calling an AIC10 API function on a board that does not support AIC10 results in a compiler and/or linker error.

Note: AIC10 codec is implemented on C5510evm.

#### 6711 DSK Module Support

Table 1–3 shows which board each API module is supported on. Currently, all modules described in the following chapters are supported by the C6711 DSK. In the future, more APIs supported by other platforms will be added to the BSL.

Table 1–2. BSL Support Library Name and Symbol Conventions

Board	BSL library	BSL Symbol	CSL library	CSL symbol
6711DSK	bsl6711.lib	BOARD_6711DSK	csl6711.lib	CHIP_6711

Table 1-3. BSL API Module Support for 6711 DSK

Module	6711 DSK
AD535	Х
BOARD	X
DIP	Х
FLASH	Х
LED	X

#### 1.2.2 Using BSL Handles

Handles are required for devices present more than once. For example, only one AD535 codec is implemented on-board and associated with mcbsp0; however, you can use a second AD535 implemented on a daughter board and make data transfers through mcbsp1.

### 1.3 BSL Project Settings

#### 1.3.1 User's Program Setting

Due to the interdependancies between CSL and BSL, the CSL is initialized by calling the  $CSL\_init()$  function followed by the BSL initialization function,  $BSL\_init()$ .

Also, the two header files <csl.h> and <bsl.h> have to be included in your program in order for you to have access to the BSL APIs.

#### 1.3.2 Compiler Options

In the Compiler Option window, the Chip and Board symbols have to be defined using the -d switch. For example,

```
-dCHIP_6711 -dBOARD_6711DSK
```

Also, the paths of the "Include" folder containing the BSL and CSL header files have to be set with the -i switch.

### 1.3.3 Linker Options

The paths of the CSL and BSL libraries have to be defined. The two libraries are named, respectively, csl6711.lib and bsl6711dsk.lib.

#### Note: Device Identification Symbol

When using the BSL, it is up to the user to define a project-wide symbol from a predetermined set to identify which device is being used. This board identification symbol is then used in the BSL header files to conditionally define the support symbols. (See Section 3.2, *API Reference*, for more information.

# Chapter 2

## **AD535 API Module**

This chapter provides a description of the AD535 API module, lists the individual APIs within the module, and includes a reference section showing the API functions, structures, and constants that are applicable to this module.

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### 2.1 AD535 API Module Description

The AD535 module (audio codec supported by the C6711 DSK) serves as a level of abstraction such that it works the same for all AD535s supported on TI EVM/DSKs.

To use an AD535 device, you must first open it and obtain a device handle using  $\mathtt{AD535\_open}()$ . Once opened, use the device handle to call the other API functions. The codec may be configured by passing an  $\mathtt{AD535\_Config}$  structure to  $\mathtt{AD535\_config}()$ .

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**Note:** F = Function; C = Constant; S = Structure; T = Typedef

### 2.2 AD535 API Reference

AD535_close	Closes codec channel		
Function	Void AD535_cl AD535_Handl	•	
Arguments	hAD535	Handle to codec channel, see AD535_open()	
Return Value	none		
Description		es a codec channel previously opened via ne registers for the codec are set to their power-on	
Example	AD535_close(h	AD535);	

AD535_Config	Configuration structure used to set up codec channel					
Structure	AD535_Config					
Members	AD535_Loopback lb_mode	Loopback mode:  AD535_LOOPBACK_DISABLE  AD535_LOOPBACK_ANALOG  AD535_LOOPBACK_DIGITAL				
	AD535_MicGain mic_gain	Microphone preamp gain: ☐ AD535_MICGAIN_OFF ☐ AD535_MICGAIN_ON				
	Float in_gain	ADC input gain:  AD535_GAIN_MUTE  AD535_GAIN_0DB  -36 dB <= gain <= 12 dB  (in 1.5 dB steps)				
	Float out_gain	DAC output gain:  AD535_GAIN_MUTE  AD535_GAIN_0DB  -36 dB <= gain <= 12 dB  (in 1.5 dB steps)				

Description This is the AD535 configuration structure used to set up a codec channel.

You create and initialize this structure and then pass its address to the

AD535\_config() function.

**Example** AD535\_Config myConfig = {

AD535\_LOOPBACK\_DISABLE, AD535 MICGAIN OFF, AD535 GAIN ODB, AD535 GAIN ODB };

AD535 config(hAD535, &myConfig);

#### AD535 config

#### Sets up AD535 using configuration structure

**Function** Void AD535\_config(

> AD535\_Handle hAD535, AD535 Config \*config

);

**Arguments** hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

> Config Pointer to an initialized configuration structure, see

> > AD535 Config

**Return Value** none

**Description** Sets up the AD535 using the configuration structure. The values of the

structure are written to the AD535 control registers.

**Example** AD535 Config myConfig = {

AD535 LOOPBACK DISABLE, AD535 MICGAIN OFF, AD535 GAIN ODB, AD535\_GAIN\_ODB

AD535\_config(hAD535,&myConfig);

#### AD553 freeMcbsp Sets the FREE bit of an McBSP serial port to 1

**Function** Void AD535\_freeMcbsp(

int port

**Arguments** McBSP port: MCBSP DEV0, MCBSP DEV1 port

**Return Value** none

Sets 1 to the FREE field of the SPCR register of the given McBSP port. When FREE is set to 1, the serial clocks continue to run during an Description

emulation halt.

Example /\* Set the FREE bit of Mcbsp serial port 0 \*/

AD535\_freeMcbsp (MCBSP\_DEV0);

#### AD535 getMcbsp Handle

#### Returns McBSP Handle

**Function** Mcbsp\_Handle AD535\_getMcbspHandle(

AD535\_Handle hAD535,

);

**Arguments** hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535 open()

**Return Value** Handle to the opened McBSP associated to the Mcbsp handle

number of McBSP.

Description Returns the McBSP Handle associated with the McBSP used for AD535

communication.

Note: The Mcbsp Handle type is defined in the Chip Suppport Library (CSL) and created by the internal call of the MCBSP open() function.

**Example** Mcbsp Handle hMcbsp;

hMcbsp = AD535 getHandleMcbsp(hAD535);

#### **AD535\_ld**

#### Allocates codec channel

#### Structure

AD535 Id

**Members** 

Typedef Struct { Struct { int mcbsp\_no; } Id; Struct Boolean allocated; MCBSP Handle

hMcbsp; } Obj; } AD535\_Id The typedef structure AD535\_ld includes 2 substructures such as Id and Obj

structures

The internal structure ld contains the field mcbsp\_no. The member mcbsp\_no contains the number of the serial port you

wish to use.

The internal structure Obj contains the boolean field to allocate the codec and the McBSP handle associated with the number

of the McBSP which will be open

"mcbsp no".

#### Description

This AD535\_Id structure is used to allocate a codec channel. You create and initialize this structure, then pass its address to the AD535\_open() function. Also, this structure allows you to access to the McBSP handle through the AD535\_getMcbspHandle() function after calling AD535\_open().

If you wish to use the AD535 codec implemented on C6711DSK you can pass the predefined pointer AD535\_ON\_6711DSK.

The predefined pointer AD535\_locald associates the codec to the mcbsp0 directly. It's not necessary to define AD535\_Id pointer.

mcbsp\_no variable is set to 0 (mcbsp0)

See source file bsl\_ad535.c

#### **Example**

/\* the codec of C6711DSK use the predfined pointer

```
AD535_ON_6711DSK*/
AD535_Handle hAD535;
Mcbsp_Handle hMcbsp;

hAD535 = AD535_open(AD535_ON_6711DSK);
hMcbsp = AD535_getHandleMcbsp(hAD535);

To set up your own AD535_Id, for example:
/* set up a codec using McBSP 1 */
AD535_Handle hAD535;
AD535_Id myId;
myId.Id.mcbsp_no = 1;
Mcbsp_Handle hMcbsp1;

hAD535 = AD535_open(*myId);
hMcbsp1 = AD535 getHandleMcbsp(hAD535);
```

Note: You can also use the Mcbsp1 if you haven; to opened an AD535 handle with the predefined AD535\_ON\_6711DSK object.

#### AD535 inGain

#### Sets AD535's input gain

Function void AD535\_inGain(

AD535\_Handle hAD535, float inGain

);

Arguments had 535 Handle to codec channel, see AD 535\_open()

inGain ADC input gain.

Return Value none

**Description** Sets the AD535's input gain.

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AD535\_GAIN\_MUTE
AD535\_GAIN\_0DB

 $\Box$  -36 dB <= inGain <= 12 dB (in 1.5 dB steps)

**Example** AD535\_inGain (hAD535,6.0);

#### AD535\_micGain

#### Sets microphone preamplifier gain

Function void AD535\_micGain(

AD535\_Handle hAD535, AD535\_MicGain micGain

);

Arguments hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

micGain Microphone preamplifier gain enumeration.

Return Value none

**Description** Sets the microphone preamplifier gain.

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□ AD535\_MICGAIN\_OFF = off, 0 dB□ AD535\_MICGAIN\_ON = on, 20 dB

**Example** AD535\_micGain(hAD535,AD535\_MICGAIN\_OFF);

### AD535\_modifyReg Modifies specified control register

Function	<pre>void AD535_mod AD535_Handle AD535_Reg Uint32 Uint32 );</pre>	hAD535,	
Arguments	hAD535	Handle to codec channel, see AD535_open()	
	ad535Register	Control register enumeration:  AD535_REG_CTRL0  AD535_REG_CTRL1  AD535_REG_CTRL2  AD535_REG_CTRL3  AD535_REG_CTRL4  AD535_REG_CTRL5  Value to be masked into register	
		· ·	
	mask	Bit-value mask. A value of 1 sets the bit to the corresponding value in Val; a 0 keeps the current value of the bit.	
Return Value	none		
Description	Modifies the specified control register according to the bit mask (Mask) and value (Val).  6711 DSK  Note: Only the Voice channel is available on this board. This means the		
	changes to control registers 0, 1, and 2 will have no effect on the operation of the codec.		
Example		voice input gain in control register 4: g(hAD535,AD535_REG_CTRL4,0x001F,0x003F);	

#### Opens codec channel AD535 open **Function** AD535 Handle AD535 open ( AD535\_Id \*myId ); Pointer to an object of type AD535\_Id. This object **Arguments** myId contains the McBSP channel number and a McBSP handle. C6711 DSK If you want to use the local codec, you may pass the predefined pointer AD535 ON 6711DSK. If you want to use another codec you must create your own AD535 Id. **Return Value** Handle to newly opened codec channel AD535\_Handle Note: If the board does not support this function, it will return the invalid handle INV. Description Before a codec channel can be used, it must first be opened by this function. Once opened, it cannot be opened again until closed. See AD535 close(). **Example** To use the local codec: AD535 Handle hAD535; hAD535 = AD535\_open(AD535\_ON\_6711DSK); To set up your own AD535 ld, for example: /\* set up a codec using McBSP 1 \*/ AD535\_Handle hAD535; AD535 Id myId; myId.Id.mcbsp no = 1; hAD535 = AD535 open(\*myId);

#### AD535 outGain

#### Sets AD535's output gain

**Function** 

void AD535\_outGain(
 AD535\_Handle hAD535,
 float outGain

);

**Arguments** 

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

outGain

DAC output gain.

**Return Value** 

none

Description

Sets the AD535's output gain.

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☐ AD535\_GAIN\_MUTE ☐ AD535 GAIN 0DB

AD535\_GAIN\_0DB

☐ -36 dB <= outGain <= 12 dB (in 1.5 dB steps)

#### Example

AD535\_outGain(hAD535,AD535\_GAIN\_0DB);

#### AD535\_powerDown

#### Enables AD535's power-down mode

**Function** 

void AD535\_powerDown(
 AD535\_Handle hAD535

);

**Arguments** 

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535 open()

Return Value

none

**Description** 

Enables the AD535's power down mode. This performs a software power

down, so the control registers retain their previous values.

**Example** 

AD535\_powerDown(hAD535);

#### AD535 read

#### Returns value of ouput from ADC

**Function** 

```
int AD535_read(
AD535_Handle hAD535
```

);

**Arguments** 

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535 open()

**Return Value** 

int Value returned from output of ADC.

**Description** 

Returns the value of the ouput from the ADC.

**Example** 

```
int val;
val = AD535 read(hAD535);
```

#### AD535 readHwi

#### Display Code at Selected Address

**Function** 

```
int AD535_readHwi(
   AD535_Handle hAD535
);
```

**Arguments** 

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

**Return Value** 

int Value returned from output of ADC.

Description

Allows the user to read the output value of ADC. Unlike the AD535\_read API, it does not use polling to establish that the McBSP is ready for another sample. Rather, it requires the McBSP to always be ready. In other words, the AD535\_readHwi routine is for use with an Interrupt Service Routine. The fact that you arrived at an McBSP receive ISR signifies that the McBSP is ready with another sample.

Example

```
/* The function is included in the ISR associated to
McBSP receive event REVT */
void AD535_readIsr(){
Uint16 val;
val = AD535_readHwi(hAD535);
}
```

#### AD535 readReg

### Returns value of specified control register

**Function** 

```
Uint32 AD535_readReg(
  AD535_Handle hAD535,
  AD535_Reg ad535Register
);
```

**Arguments** 

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

	ad535Register	Control register enumeration:  AD535_REG_CTRL0  AD535_REG_CTRL1  AD535_REG_CTRL2  AD535_REG_CTRL3  AD535_REG_CTRL4  AD535_REG_CTRL5
Return Value	Uint32	Value of specified control register.
Description	Returns the value o	f the specified control register.
Example	Uint32 controlE controlRegVal = AD535_REG_CTRL3	= AD535_readReg(hAD535,

AD535 reset

Asserts software reset

**Function** 

void AD535\_reset( AD535\_Handle hAD535

);

**Arguments** 

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535 open()

**Return Value** 

none

Description

Asserts a software reset and sets all the registers to their power-on default

values.

**Example** 

AD535 reset(hAD535);

#### AD535\_SUPPORT

#### Compile time constant

Constant

AD535\_SUPPORT

**Description** 

Compile time constant that has a value of 1 if the board supports the AD535 module and 0 otherwise. You are not required to use this constant.

Currently, all devices support this module.

**Example** 

#if (AD535 SUPPORT)

/\* do AD535 operations \*/

#endif

#### AD535 write

#### Writes value to input of DAC

**Function** 

void AD535\_write( AD535\_Handle hAD535, int val

);

**Arguments** 

Handle to codec channel, see AD535 open() hAD535

Value to be written to DAC. val

**Return Value** 

none

Description

Writes value to the input of the DAC.

**Example** 

To read from the codec and write back the same value, use:

AD535\_write(hAD535,AD535\_read(hAD535));

#### AD535 writeHwi

#### Writes value to input of DAC

**Function** 

```
void AD535_writeHwi(
  AD535_Handle hAD535,
  int val
);
```

Arguments

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

val Value to be written to DAC.

**Return Value** 

none

Description

Writes value to the input of the DAC. Unlike the AD535\_write API, it does not use polling to establish that the McBSP is ready to write another sample. Rather, it requires the McBSP to already be ready. In other words, the AD535\_writeHwi is for use within an Interrupt Service Routine. The face that you arrived at an McBSP transmit ISR signifies that the McBSP is ready with another sample.

Example

```
/* The function is included in the ISR associated to
McBSP receive event XEVT */
void AD535_writeIsr(){
Uint val = 0x0066;
AD535_writeHwi(hAD535,val);
}
```

#### AD535 writeReg

#### Writes value to specified control register

**Function** 

```
void AD535_writeReg(
  AD535_Handle hAD535,
  AD535_Reg ad535Register,
  Uint32 val
);
```

Arguments

hAD535 Handle to codec channel, see AD535\_open()

ad535Register Control register enumeration:

```
□ AD535_REG_CTRL0
□ AD535_REG_CTRL1
□ AD535_REG_CTRL2
□ AD535_REG_CTRL3
□ AD535_REG_CTRL4
□ AD535_REG_CTRL5
```

val Value to be written to specified register

Return Value

none

**Description** Writes value to the specified control register.

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Note: Only the Voice channel is available on this board. This means the changes to control registers 0, 1, and 2 will have no effect on the

operation of the codec.

**Example** /\* Set up 10.5db ADC input gain and 0dB microphone

preamp gain in control register 4 \*/

AD535\_writeReg(hAD535, AD535\_REG\_CTRL4, 0x0040);

# **Chapter 3**

# **BOARD API Module**

This chapter provides a description of the BOARD API module, lists the individual APIs within the module, and includes a reference section showing the API functions and constants that are applicable to this module.

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### 3.1 BOARD API Module Description

The BOARD module is where we put board-specific content. This module has the potential to grow in the future as more boards are placed on the market. Currently, the module has some API functions for register access such as BOARD\_readReg(), and BOARD\_writeReg().

A predefined symbol is associated with each EVM/DSK, for example,

BOARD\_6711DSK (-d switch for compiler options setting)

Table 3–1. BOARD API Summary

Syntax	Туре	Description	Page
BOARD_readReg	F	Reads a specified.BOARD memory–mapped register	3-3
BOARD_SUPPORT	С	A compile time constant whose value is 1 if the board supports the BOARD module	3-3
BOARD_writeReg	F	Writes into a specified Board memory–mapped register	3-4

**Note:** F = Function; C = Constant; S = Structure; T = Typedef

#### 3.2 BOARD API Reference

#### BOARD readReg Returns value of specified memory-mapped register

Function Uint32 BOARD\_readReg(

BOARD\_Reg boardRegister

);

**Arguments** boardRegister Register enumeration

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□ BOARD\_REG\_IOPORT

Return Value Uint 32 Returns specified register value

**Description** Returns the value of the specified memory-mapped register.

**Example** Uint32 boardRegVal;

boardRegVal = BOARD readReg(BOARD REG IOPORT);

#### BOARD SUPPORT Compile time constant

Constant BOARD SUPPORT

**Description** Compile time constant that has a value of 1 if the board supports the

different modules via MODULE SUPPORT constants and 0 otherwise. You

are not required to use this constant.

Currently, all devices support this module.

**Example** #if (BOARD SUPPORT)

/\* do DIP operations \*/

#endif

### BOARD\_writeReg

### Writes value to specified memory-mapped register

Function void BOARD\_writeReg(

BOARD\_Reg boardRegister,

Uint32 val

);

Arguments boardRegister Register enumeration

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BOARD\_REG\_IOPORT

val Value to be written to specified register.

Return Value none

**Description** Writes the value to the specified memory-mapped register.

**Example** BOARD\_writeReg(BOARD\_REG\_IOPORT, 0x00000000);

# **Chapter 4**

# **BSL API Module**

This chapter provides a description of the BSL API module and includes a reference section showing the single API function within this module.

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4.1	BSL API Module Description
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### 4.1 BSL API Module Description

The BSL module serves to initialize the API modules supported by the board. The following unique function has to be called before using the API functions:

BSL\_init ()

Table 4-1. BSL API Function

Syntax	Туре	Description	Page
BSL_init	F	Initializes the BSL library	4-3

**Note:** F = Function; C = Constant; S = Structure; T = Typedef

#### 4.2 BSL API Reference

BSL_init	Initializes all programmable modules on board		
Function Arguments	<pre>void BSL_init(); none</pre>		
Return Value	none		
Description	This function initializes all of the programmable modules on the board.  C6711 DSK  AD535 Codec  BOARD module  DIP switch FLASH ROM User LEDs		
Example	<pre>BSL_init();</pre>		

## **Chapter 5**

### **DIP API Module**

This chapter provides a description of the DIP API module, lists the individual APIs within the module, and includes a reference section showing the single API function and constant within this module.

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### 5.1 DIP API Module Description

This module has the following single API for reading DIP switch positions:

DIP\_get(dip#) returns a boolean value {0,1}.

Table 5-1. DIP API Summary

Syntax	Туре	Description	Page
DIP_get	F	Reads the status of the DIP switches	5-3
DIP_SUPPORT	С	A compile time constant whose value is 1 if the board supports the DIP module	5-3

**Note:** F = Function; C = Constant; S = Structure; T = Typedef

#### 5.2 DIP API Reference

DIP_get	Returns current value of specified DIP switch	
Function	Uint32 DIP_get Uint32 dipNu );	
Arguments	dipNum	Specifies which DIP switch to be read, can be one of the following:  DIP_1  DIP_2  DIP_3
Return Value	Uint32	Current value of the specified DIP switch.  □ 0 = DIP switch position is off.  □ 1 = DIP switch position is on.
Description	Returns the current value of the specified DIP switch.  C6711 DSK  DIP_1 = USER_SW1  DIP_2 = USER_SW2  DIP_3 = USER_SW3	
Example	<pre>Uint32 val; val = DIP_get(DIP_1);</pre>	

#### DIP\_SUPPORT

#### Compile time constant

Constant DIP\_SUPPORT

Compile time constant that has a value of 1 if the board supports the DIP module and 0 otherwise. You are not required to use this constant. Description

Currently, all devices support this module.

Example #if (DIP\_SUPPORT)

/\* do DIP operations \*/

#endif

## **Chapter 6**

## **FLASH API Module**

This chapter provides a description of the FLASH API module, lists the individual APIs within the module, and includes a reference section showing the API functions and constants that are applicable to this module.

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#### 6.1 FLASH API Module Description

The FLASH module allows access to on-board flash and executes data memory manipulation by using the following three functions:

```
FLASH_read(), FLASH_write() and FLASH_erase()
```

For the 6711 DSK, the 128KB FLASH is split into 128 bytes per page.

Table 6–1. FLASH API Summary

Syntax	Туре	Description	Page
FLASH_checksum	F	Returns the check sum	6-3
FLASH_erase	F	Erases the specific segment of the flash and/or erases the full flash	6-4
FLASH_read	F	Reads the Flash data and copies it to a specified destination buffer	6-5
FLASH_SUPPORT	С	A compile time constant whose value is 1 if the board supports the FLASH module	6-6
FLASH_write	F	Writes to Flash data from a specified source buffer	6-6

**Note:** F = Function; C = Constant; S = Structure; T = Typedef

#### 6.2 FLASH API Reference

#### FLASH checksum Returns checksum of specified Flash data **Function** Uint32 FLASH checksum( Uint32 locator, Uint32 length ); **Arguments** Addressing and page information for location in Flash locator memory. C6711 DSK ☐ FLASH START ADDR ☐ FLASH PAGE ADDR(x):(x)—page number ☐ 32-bit FLASH address length Length in bytes of data to be read. This is limited by the size of the Flash memory. **Return Value** Uint32 Returns the value of the specified checksum **Description** Returns the checksum of the specified Flash data. Checksum calculated by byte by byte addition. Note: This function does not affect unspecified segments of Flash. For example, altering the lower half of a page of Flash memory does not change the value of the upper half page. C6711 DSK locator contains 32-bit address of Flash location ☐FLASH START ADDR is 0x9000000 ☐ Flash address range: 0x90000000 to 0x90020000 ☐ FLASH PAGE SIZE = 0x80: 128 bytes Page number range x: 0 to 1023 TIFLASH PAGE ADDR(x) = FLASH START ADDR + x\*FLASH PAGE SIZE) Note: On 5x boards, 16-bit addressing is used and page information is included in the upper half-word of the address argument. **Example** To get the checksum of page 0 and 1, use: Uint32 startAddr = FLASH PAGE ADDR(0); Uint32 length = FLASH PAGE SIZE \* 2; Uint32 checksum;

checksum = FLASH\_checksum(startAddr,length);

### FLASH\_erase

### Erases specified segment of Flash memory

Function	<pre>void FLASH_erase(   Uint32 locator,   Uint32 length );</pre>	
Arguments	locator	Addressing and page information for location in Flash memory.  C6711 DSK  FLASH_START_ADDR FLASH_PAGE_ADDR(x):(x)- page number 32-bit Flash address
	length	Length in bytes of data to be erased. This is limited by the size of the Flash memory.  C6711 DSK I length in bytes FLASH_ERASE_ALL – erase entire FLASH
Return Value	none	
Description	Erases the specified segment of Flash memory.  Note: This function does not affect unspecified segments of Flash. For example, altering the lower half of a page of Flash memory does not change the value of the upper half page.  C6711 DSK  locator contains 32-bit address of Flash location  FLASH_START_ADDR is 0x9000000  Flash address range: 0x90000000 to 0x90020000  FLASH_PAGE_SIZE = 0x80: 128 bytes  Page number range: 0 to 1023  FLASH_PAGE_ADDR(x) = FLASH_START_ADDR + x*FLASH_PAGE_SIZE )  Note: On 5x boards, 16-bit addressing is used and page information is included in the upper half-word of the address argument.	
Example	FLASH_erase(FITO erase the entire FLASH_erase(0)	, FLASH_ERASE_ALL);  ng the entire Flash memory, the locator argument

#### Reads data from FLASH address FLASH read **Function** void FLASH read( Uint32 locator, Uint32 dst, Uint32 length ); **Arguments** locator Addressing and page information for location in Flash memory. C6711 DSK ☐ FLASH START ADDR ☐ FLASH\_PAGE\_ADDR(x):(x)—page number 32-bit FLASH address **Destination address** dst Length in bytes of data to be read. This is limited by the length size of the Flash memory. **Return Value** none Reads data from the FLASH address (locator) and copies it to a **Description** destination address (dst). This function is limited only by the length of the FLASH memory. Note: This function does not affect unspecified segments of Flash. For example, altering the lower half of a page of Flash memory does not change the value of the upper half page. C6711 DSK ☐ locator contains 32-bit address of Flash location ☐FLASH START ADDR is 0x9000000 ☐ Flash address range: 0x90000000 to 0x90020000 FLASH PAGE SIZE = 0x80: 128 bytes ☐ Page number range: 0 to 1023 □FLASH PAGE ADDR(x) = FLASH START ADDR + x\*FLASH PAGE SIZE) **Example** To read from pages 0 and 1 to readBuffer: char readBuffer[FLASH PAGE SIZE\*2]; FLASH\_read(FLASH\_PAGE\_ADDR(0), (Uint32)readBuffer, FLASH\_PAGE\_SIZE \* 2);

#### FLASH\_SUPPORT

#### Compile time constant

Constant FLASH\_SUPPORT

**Description** Compile time constant that has a value of 1 if the board supports the

FLASH module and 0 otherwise. You are not required to use this constant.

Currently, all devices support this module.

**Example** #if (FLASH\_SUPPORT)

/\* do FLASH operations \*/

#endif

#### FLASH\_write

#### Writes data to Flash address

);

Arguments src Source address

locator Addressing and page information for location in Flash

memory.

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☐ FLASH START ADDR

☐ FLASH\_PAGE\_ADDR(x):(x)—page number

☐ 32-bit FLASH address

length Length in bytes of data to be written. This is limited by

the size of the Flash memory.

Return Value none

### Description

Writes data to the Flash address (locator) from a source address (src). This function is limited by the page length of the Flash memory.

Note: This function does not affect unspecified segments of Flash. For example, altering the lower half of a page of Flash memory does not change the value of the upper half page.

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- ☐ Locator contains 32-bit address of Flash location ☐FLASH\_START\_ADDR is 0x9000000
- Flash address range: 0x90000000 to 0x90020000
- ☐ FLASH\_PAGE\_SIZE = 0x80: 128 bytes
- ☐ Page number range: 0 to 1023 ☐FLASH PAGE ADDR(x) = FLASH START ADDR +
- If the source address begins in the middle of a page, the write will invalidate all other data on the page.

#### **Example**

#### To write from writeBuffer to pages 1 and 2:

## Chapter 7

## **LED API Module**

This chapter provides a description of the LED API module, lists the individual APIs within the module, and includes a reference section showing the API functions and constants that are applicable to this module.

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### 7.1 LED API Module Description

This module has a simple API for configuring on-board LED outputs. Three states can be set by the following functions:

- ☐ LED\_on(led#)
- □ LED\_off(led#)
- LED\_toggle(led#)

Table 7–1. LED API Summary

Syntax	Туре	Description	Page
LED_off	F	Turns off the specified LED	7-3
LED_on	F	Turns on the specified LED	7-3
LED_SUPPORT	С	A compile time constant whose value is 1 if the board supports the LED module	7-4
LED_toggle	F	Toggles the specified LED	7-4

**Note:** F = Function; C = Constant; S = Structure; T = Typedef

#### 7.2 LED API Reference

LED_off	Turns off specifie	ed LED
Function	<pre>void LED_off(    Uint32 LedN );</pre>	
Arguments	LedNum	Specifies which LED to be turned off. Can be one of the following:  LED_1  LED_2  LED_3
Return Value	none	
Description	Turns off the spector	ER_LED1 ER_LED2 ER_LED3
Example	If you want to turn LED_off(LED_1	

LED_on	Turns on spe	Turns on specified LED	
Function	void LED_o Uint32 L );		
Arguments	LedNum	Specifies which LED to be turned on. Can be one of the following:  LED_1  LED_2  LED_3	
Return Value	none		

Description Turns on the specified LED. C6711 DSK □ LED\_1 = USER\_LED1 □ LED\_2 = USER\_LED2 ☐ LED\_3 = USER\_LED3 ☐ LED ALL = all user LEDs **Example** If you want to turn on LED # 1 use: LED\_on(LED\_1); LED\_SUPPORT Compile time constant Constant LED SUPPORT Description Compile time constant that has a value of 1 if the board supports the LED module and 0 otherwise. You are not required to use this constant. Currently, all devices support this module. **Example** #if (LED\_SUPPORT) /\* do LED operations \*/ #endif LED\_toggle Toggles specified LED **Function** void LED toggle( Uint32 LedNum ); **Arguments** LedNum Specifies which LED to be toggled, can be one of the following: □ LED 1 ☐ LED 2 □ LED 3 **Return Value** none Description Toggles the specified LED. C6711 DSK □ LED\_1 = USER\_LED1 ■ LED\_2 = USER\_LED2 ☐ LED 3 = USER LED3 ☐ LED ALL = all user LEDs **Example** If you want to toggle LED # 1 use: LED\_toggle(LED\_1);

# **Glossary**

A

AD535: The audio codec API module. Currently supported by the 6711 DSK.

**address:** The location of program code or data stored; an individually accessible memory location.

A-law companding: See compress and expand (compand).

API: See application programming interface.

**API module:** A set of API functions designed for a specific purpose.

**application programming interface (API):** Used for proprietary application programs to interact with communications software or to conform to protocols from another vendor's product.

**assembler:** A software program that creates a machine language program from a source file that contains assembly language instructions, directives, and macros. The assembler substitutes absolute operation codes for symbolic operation codes and absolute or relocatable addresses for symbolic addresses.

**assert:** To make a digital logic device pin active. If the pin is active low, then a low voltage on the pin asserts it. If the pin is active high, then a high voltage asserts it.

В

bit: A binary digit, either a 0 or 1.

**big endian:** An addressing protocol in which bytes are numbered from left to right within a word. More significant bytes in a word have lower numbered addresses. Endian ordering is specific to hardware and is determined at reset. See also *little endian*.

**block:** The three least significant bits of the program address. These correspond to the address within a fetch packet of the first instruction being addressed.

**BOARD:** The BOARD-specific API Module.

**board support library (BSL):** The BSL is a set of application programming interfaces (APIs) consisting of target side DSP code used to configure and control board level peripherals.

**boot:** The process of loading a program into program memory.

**boot mode:** The method of loading a program into program memory. The C6x DSP supports booting from external ROM or the host port interface (HPI).

**BSL:** See board support library.

**byte:** A sequence of eight adjacent bits operated upon as a unit.

cache: A fast storage buffer in the central processing unit of a computer.

**cache module:** CACHE is an API module containing a set of functions for managing data and program cache.

**cache controller:** System component that coordinates program accesses between CPU program fetch mechanism, cache, and external memory.

**CCS:** Code Composer Studio.

central processing unit (CPU): The portion of the processor involved in arithmetic, shifting, and Boolean logic operations, as well as the generation of data- and program-memory addresses. The CPU includes the central arithmetic logic unit (CALU), the multiplier, and the auxiliary register arithmetic unit (ARAU).

CHIP: See CHIP module.

**CHIP module:** The CHIP module is an API module where chip-specific and device-related code resides. CHIP has some API functions for obtaining device endianess, memory map mode if applicable, CPU and REV IDs, and clock speed.

**chip support library (CSL):** The CSL is a set of application programming interfaces (APIs) consisting of target side DSP code used to configure and control all on-chip peripherals.

C

- **clock cycle:** A periodic or sequence of events based on the input from the external clock.
- **clock modes:** Options used by the clock generator to change the internal CPU clock frequency to a fraction or multiple of the frequency of the input clock signal.
- **code:** A set of instructions written to perform a task; a computer program or part of a program.
- **codec:** Coder-decoder, or compression/decompression. A device that codes in one direction of transmission and decodes in another direction of transmission.
- coder-decoder or compression/decompression (codec): A device that codes in one direction of transmission and decodes in another direction of transmission.
- **compiler:** A computer program that translates programs in a high-level language into their assembly-language equivalents.
- compress and expand (compand): A quantization scheme for audio signals in which the input signal is compressed and then, after processing, is reconstructed at the output by expansion. There are two distinct companding schemes: A-law (used in Europe) and μ-law (used in the United States).
- **constant:** A fixed or invariable value or data item that can be used as an operand.
- **control register:** A register that contains bit fields that define the way a device operates.
- control register file: A set of control registers.
- CSL: See chip support library.
- **CSL module:** The CSL module is the top-level CSL API module. It interfaces to all other modules and its main purpose is to initialize the CSL library.

- **DAT:** Data: see DAT module.
- **DAT module:** The DAT is an API module that is used to move data around by means of DMA/EDMA hardware. This module serves as a level of abstraction that works the same for devices that have the DMA or EDMA peripheral.

- **device ID:** Configuration register that identifies each peripheral component interconnect (PCI).
- **digital signal processor (DSP):** A semiconductor that turns analog signals—such as sound or light—into digital signals, which are discrete or discontinuous electrical impulses, so that they can be manipulated.

**DIP:** The DIP Switches API Module.

**direct memory access (DMA):** A mechanism whereby a device other than the host processor contends for and receives mastery of the memory bus so that data transfers can take place independent of the host.

**DMA:** See direct memory access.

**DMA module:** DMA is an API module that currently has two architectures used on C6x devices: DMA and EDMA (enhanced DMA). Devices such as the 6201 have the DMA peripheral, whereas the 6211 has the EDMA peripheral.

**DMA source:** The module where the DMA data originates. DMA data is read from the DMA source.

**DMA transfer:** The process of transferring data from one part of memory to another. Each DMA transfer consists of a read bus cycle (source to DMA holding register) and a write bus cycle (DMA holding register to destination).

**DSK:** Digital signal processor (DSP) starter kit. Tools and documentation provided to new DSP users to enable rapid use of the product.

Ε

**EDMA:** Enhanced direct memory access; see EDMA module.

**EDMA module:** EDMA is an API module that currently has two architectures used on C6x devices: DMA and EDMA (enhanced DMA). Devices such as the 6201 have the DMA peripheral, whereas the 6211 has the EDMA peripheral.

**EMIF:** See external memory interface; see also EMIF module.

**EMIF module:** EMIF is an API module that is used for configuring the EMIF registers.

**evaluation module (EVM):** Board and software tools that allow the user to evaluate a specific device.

**external interrupt:** A hardware interrupt triggered by a specific value on a pin.

**external memory interface (EMIF):** Microprocessor hardware that is used to read to and write from off-chip memory.

F

**fetch packet:** A contiguous 8-word series of instructions fetched by the CPU and aligned on an 8-word boundary.

**flag:** A binary status indicator whose state indicates whether a particular condition has occurred or is in effect.

FLASH: The FLASH ROM API Module.

**frame:** An 8-word space in the cache RAMs. Each fetch packet in the cache resides in only one frame. A cache update loads a frame with the requested fetch packet. The cache contains 512 frames.

G

**global interrupt enable bit (GIE):** A bit in the control status register (CSR) that is used to enable or disable maskable interrupts.



**host:** A device to which other devices (peripherals) are connected and that generally controls those devices.

**host port interface (HPI):** A parallel interface that the CPU uses to communicate with a host processor.

**HPI:** See host port interface; see also HPI module.

**HPI module:** HPI is an API module used for configuring the HPI registers. Functions are provided for reading HPI status bits and setting interrupt events.

**index:** A relative offset in the program address that specifies which of the 512 frames in the cache into which the current access is mapped.

**indirect addressing:** An addressing mode in which an address points to another pointer rather than to the actual data; this mode is prohibited in RISC architecture.

**instruction fetch packet:** A group of up to eight instructions held in memory for execution by the CPU.

**internal interrupt:** A hardware interrupt caused by an on-chip peripheral.

internal peripherals: Devices connected to and controlled by a host device. The C6x internal peripherals include the direct memory access (DMA) controller, multichannel buffered serial ports (McBSPs), host port interface (HPI), external memory-interface (EMIF), and runtime support timers.

interrupt: A signal sent by hardware or software to a processor requesting attention. An interrupt tells the processor to suspend its current operation, save the current task status, and perform a particular set of instructions. Interrupts communicate with the operating system and prioritize tasks to be performed.

interrupt service fetch packet (ISFP): A fetch packet used to service interrupts. If eight instructions are insufficient, the user must branch out of this block for additional interrupt service. If the delay slots of the branch do not reside within the ISFP, execution continues from execute packets in the next fetch packet (the next ISFP).

**interrupt service routine (ISR):** A module of code that is executed in response to a hardware or software interrupt.

**interrupt service table (IST)** A table containing a corresponding entry for each of the 16 physical interrupts. Each entry is a single-fetch packet and has a label associated with it.

IRQ: Interrupt request; see IRQ module.

**IRQ module:** IRQ is an API module that manages CPU interrupts.

**IST:** See interrupt service table.

L

**least significant bit (LSB):** The lowest-order bit in a word.

**LED:** The LED API Module.

**linker:** A software tool that combines object files to form an object module, which can be loaded into memory and executed.

**little endian:** An addressing protocol in which bytes are numbered from right to left within a word. More significant bytes in a word have higher-numbered addresses. Endian ordering is specific to hardware and is determined at reset. See also *big endian*.

M

**μ-law companding:** See *compress and expand (compand)*.

**maskable interrupt**: A hardware interrupt that can be enabled or disabled through software.

**MCBSP:** See multichannel buffered serial port; see also MCBSP module.

**MCBSP module:** MCBSP is an API module that contains a set of functions for configuring the McBSP registers.

**memory map:** A graphical representation of a computer system's memory, showing the locations of program space, data space, reserved space, and other memory-resident elements.

**memory-mapped register:** An on-chip register mapped to an address in memory. Some memory-mapped registers are mapped to data memory, and some are mapped to input/output memory.

most significant bit (MSB): The highest order bit in a word.

multichannel buffered serial port (McBSP): An on-chip full-duplex circuit that provides direct serial communication through several channels to external serial devices.

multiplexer: A device for selecting one of several available signals.

N

**nonmaskable interrupt (NMI):** An interrupt that can be neither masked nor disabled

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**object file:** A file that has been assembled or linked and contains machine language object code.

off chip: A state of being external to a device.

**on chip:** A state of being internal to a device.



**peripheral:** A device connected to and usually controlled by a host device.

**program cache:** A fast memory cache for storing program instructions allowing for quick execution.

**program memory:** Memory accessed through the C6x's program fetch interface.

**PWR:** Power; see PWR module.

**PWR module:** PWR is an API module that is used to configure the power-down control registers, if applicable, and to invoke various power-down modes.

R

random-access memory (RAM): A type of memory device in which the individual locations can be accessed in any order.

**register:** A small area of high speed memory located within a processor or electronic device that is used for temporarily storing data or instructions. Each register is given a name, contains a few bytes of information, and is referenced by programs.

**reduced-instruction-set computer (RISC):** A computer whose instruction set and related decode mechanism are much simpler than those of microprogrammed complex instruction set computers. The result is a higher instruction throughput and a faster real-time interrupt service response from a smaller, cost-effective chip.

**reset:** A means of bringing the CPU to a known state by setting the registers and control bits to predetermined values and signaling execution to start at a specified address.

RTOS Real-time operating system.

S

**structure:** A collection of one or more variables grouped together under a single name.

synchronous-burst static random-access memory (SBSRAM): RAM whose contents does not have to be refreshed periodically. Transfer of data is at a fixed rate relative to the clock speed of the device, but the speed is increased.

- synchronous dynamic random-access memory (SDRAM): RAM whose contents is refreshed periodically so the data is not lost. Transfer of data is at a fixed rate relative to the clock speed of the device.
- **syntax:** The grammatical and structural rules of a language. All higher-level programming languages possess a formal syntax.
- **system software:** The blanketing term used to denote collectively the chip support libraries and board support libraries.



- **tag:** The 18 most significant bits of the program address. This value corresponds to the physical address of the fetch packet that is in that frame.
- **timer:** A programmable peripheral used to generate pulses or to time events.
- **TIMER module:** TIMER is an API module used for configuring the timer registers.



word: A multiple of eight bits that is operated upon as a unit. For the 'C6x, a word is 32 bits in length.

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